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## Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/974,644
Filing Date	October 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Douglas S. McBain et al.
Art Unit	1732
Examiner Name	Angela Y. Ortiz
Attorney Docket Number	OMNZ 2 00005-3

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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I.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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a.  period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

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I.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$750.00)

II.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17)

III.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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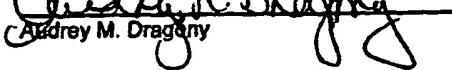
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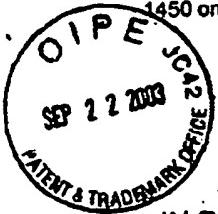
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF**

: Douglas S. McBain et al.

**FOR**

: OPTIMIZATION OF IN-MOLD  
COATING INJECTION MOLDED  
THERMOPLASTIC  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application,  
Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows: